

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 24th January**

**6.30pm**

Jim Gilbert (Anniv)  
Annette McManus (Anniv)

**Sunday 25th January**

**8.30am**

Maggie Murray (Anniv)  
**11.30am**

Breda Fitzgerald (2nd Anniv)

Eileen Martin (40th Anniv)

John May (Anniv)

Frances & Jack Godfrey (Anniv)

Frank Briody (Anniv)

Michael (Mike) Keogh (Anniv)

**Wednesday 28th January**

**10am**

John Hogan (Jnr) (Anniv)  
Kevin Byrne (Anniv)

**Thursday 29th January**

**10am**

Ann Berry (2nd Anniv)  
Nick Tancred (Anniv)  
Kathleen Hall (Anniv)

## Castletown

**Saturday 24th January**

**8pm**

Kathleen & Michael Kinsella  
(Anniv)

Patrick Brennan (Anniv)

## Johnstown

**Sunday 25th January**

**10am**

Michael Staunton (Anniv)  
Tom Conroy (Anniv)

Eileen O'Lionáin (Anniv)

Kathleen & John Byrne (Anniv)

Betty & Jimmy Byrne (Anniv)

Joe Byrne (Anniv)

Patrick, Anna & Ted Kavanagh  
(Anniv)

## Liturgical Calendar January

Monday 26th Ss Timothy & Titus  
Tuesday 27th St Angela Merici  
Wed 28th St Thomas Aquinas  
Friday 30th St Aidan  
Bl Margaret Ball  
Francis Taylor  
Saturday 31st St John Bosco

### Polish Mass

**Sunday 1st February 10am**



Next Mass in Polish will take place on Sunday 1st February at 10am. There will be tea and cake after in Áras Lorcáin. All Welcome.

Kolejna msza w języku polskim odbędzie się 01.02.26 o godz. 10.00. Po mszy wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy do Áras Lorcáin na kawę i ciastko.

Next weekend we Celebrate St Brigid's Day on Sunday 1st of February. If you have made a St Brigid's cross and would like to have it blessed please bring it to Mass on Sunday 1st February at 11.30am.



### With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Patrick (Paddy) Cullen  
Liam Carey  
Laurence (Larry) Cullen  
May they rest in peace.

Candlemas Day  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February



Candles on sale in the Parish Office  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Candles that are blessed at 10am Mass on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and for home use can be collected on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February in the Parish Office, donated Candles will be left in the Church.



*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February*

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

*World day of the Sick*

*10am Mass with Anointing of the Sick*

*7pm Rosary and Benediction*

### The Pope's Intention for January

### For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

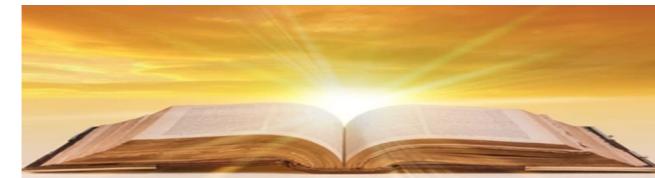
## Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St David's Johnstown

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**25th January 2026**

**Sunday of the Word of God**



The Catholic Church will celebrate the Seventh Sunday of the Word of God this weekend under the motto: "The Word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16). Observed each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, this day invites the faithful to reflect on, celebrate, and share the Word of God in their daily lives. The celebration was established by Pope Francis in his 2019 Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, emphasizing the essential connection between the Risen Lord, Christian communities, and Sacred Scripture.

### Meetings for Parents preparing their children for First Holy Communion

**Tuesday 27th January**

Scoil Ghormáin Naofa  
Castletown National School 7pm.

**Wednesday 28th January**

Gaelscoil an Inbhir Mhóir  
Áras Lorcáin 7.30pm

**Thursday 29th January**

Sts Michael & Peter Junior School  
with Carysfort National School

Áras Lorcáin 7pm.

**Tuesday 3rd February**

Scoil Íosagáin  
Coolgreany National School  
7.30pm

### Meeting for Parents preparing their Children for Confirmation

**Tuesday 3rd February**

Scoil Ghormáin Naofa  
Castletown National School  
7pm

## FAMILY MASS

**St. David's, Johnstown**

All are welcome to Family Mass in St. David's Johnstown, especially children preparing for their First Holy Communion.

**Upcoming Family Masses in 2026:**

**Sunday February 8th**

**Sunday March 8th**

**Sunday April 19th**

**Sunday June 7th**



**Mass is at 10.00 am each Sunday**

**We're here, day or night, 365 days a year**

**Call free day or night on  
116 123**

**SAMARITANS**

## Gathering Hymn

### City of God

Awake from your slumber! arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**R/Let us build the city of God.**

**May our tears be turned into dancing**  
**For the Lord, our light and our love,**  
**has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

## Recession Hymn

### Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things will be  
Added unto you;

**R/ Allelu Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,**  
**Alle, alleluia.**

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and you shall find,

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,

**Allelu, Alleluia R/**